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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for maternal and
2 child health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATERNAL HEALTH —
2 RELATED SERVICES. Under both fee-for-service and managed care
3 administration of Medicaid, the department of health and human
4 services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A, amend any
5 contract with a managed care organization, and apply for any
6 Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver as may be necessary to
7 provide for all of the following:

8 1. Reimbursement in an amount appropriate to cover the
9 entire standard of care costs for labor and delivery.

10 2. The same reimbursement for maternal-fetal medicine
11 services and comprehensive maternity care, including both
12 facility and professional fees, whether provided in person or
13 through the use of telehealth.

14 3. Comprehensive maternity care, to include the basic
15 number of prenatal and postpartum visits recommended by the
16 American college of obstetricians and gynecologists; additional
17 prenatal and postpartum visits that are medically necessary;
18 necessary laboratory, nutritional assessment and counseling,
19 health education, personal counseling, managed care, outreach,
20 and follow-up services; and treatment of conditions which may
21 complicate pregnancy.

22 4. Reimbursement for breast-feeding supports, counseling,
23 and supplies including the standard cost of breast pumps
24 including electric breast pumps and associated breast pump
25 supplies.

26 5. Reimbursement for transportation to all prenatal and
27 postpartum care appointments including transportation to a
28 hospital with the appropriate level of care for a pregnant
29 person and for a baby when transfer is necessary.

30 6. Reimbursement for all postpartum care products such as
31 breast pads, period pads, comfort products, pain relievers, and
32 other similar products.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This bill relates to maternal and child health improvements
2 under the Medicaid program. The bill directs the department
3 of health and human services under both fee-for-service
4 and managed care administration of Medicaid to adopt rules
5 pursuant to Code chapter 17A, amend any contract with a managed
6 care organization, and apply for any Medicaid state plan
7 amendment or waiver as may be necessary to provide all of the
8 following: 1) reimbursement in an amount appropriate to cover
9 the entire standard of care costs for labor and delivery, 2)
10 the same reimbursement for maternal-fetal medicine services
11 and comprehensive maternity care, including facility and
12 professional fees, whether provided in person or through the
13 use of telehealth, 3) comprehensive maternity care, to include
14 the basic number of prenatal and postpartum visits recommended
15 by the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists;
16 additional prenatal and postpartum visits that are medically
17 necessary; necessary laboratory, nutritional assessment and
18 counseling, health education, personal counseling, managed
19 care, outreach, and follow-up services; and treatment of
20 conditions which may complicate pregnancy, 4) reimbursement for
21 breast-feeding supports, counseling, and supplies including
22 the standard cost of breast pumps including electric breast
23 pumps and associated breast pump supplies, 5) reimbursement
24 for transportation to all prenatal and postpartum care
25 appointments, including transportation to a hospital with
26 the appropriate level of care for a pregnant person and for
27 a baby when transfer is necessary, and 6) reimbursement for
28 all postpartum care products such as breast pads, period pads,
29 comfort products, pain relievers, and other similar products.